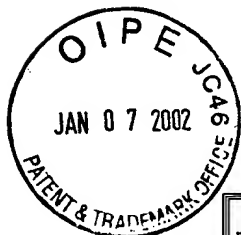


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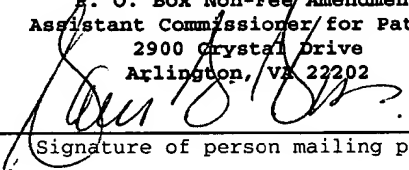


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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) TO RESPOND  
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 5, 2001**

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2001. The Office Action established a three-month shortened statutory

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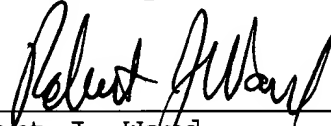
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time period to respond. As such, the three-month shortened statutory time to respond was October 5, 2001. If this petition for a three-month extension of time is granted, the time to file the response will be due on January 5, 2002.

This is a first petition for extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee for a three-month extension of time in the amount of \$920.00 and any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 and reference Attorney Docket No. TUEC.IP2005. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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